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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND GARDNER MET WITH PRIME  
MINISTER ANDREOTTI NOV. 15. PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION  
WAS YOUTH AND RELATED PROBLEMS OF TERRORISM AND HUNGER.  
ALL AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INSPIRING GREATER IDEALISM  
AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH  
SERVICE TO OTHERS. ANDREOTTI ALSO URGED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
TO COUNTER TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

2. ANDREOTTI OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY ASKING ABOUT THE  
REAL POSSIBILITIES OF DEALING WITH WORLD HUNGER. AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG EXPRESSED OPTIMISM AND CITED NEED FOR COORDINATION  
AMONG THE VARIOUS AGENCIES DEALING WITH FOOD INCLUDING THE  
FAO, IFAD, AND WFP. ANDREOTTI DESCRIBED ITALIAN TECHNICAL  
PROGRAMS TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE,  
SENDS AGRICULTURE STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS TO AFRICA. IN  
ADDITION TO HELPING TO SOLVE PROBLMES OF THE COUNTRIES  
VISITED, THE ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS GAIN A SENSE OF  
POSITIVE COOPERATION.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO ANDREOTTI'S QUESTION ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF UN ACTION TO COUNTER TERRORISM, AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG SAID THAT, APART FROM THE MILD ANTI-HIJACKING  
RESOLUTION ALREADY PASSED, NO MAJOR ACTION IS PROBABLE  
BECAUSE OF THE STRONG FEELINGS THAT AFRICAN AND ARAB  
COUNTRIES HAVE ABOUT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. RESPOND-

ING TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S OBSERVATION THAT COUNTRIES WITH COMMON INTERESTS, SUCH AS THE US, EUROPE, AND JAPAN, MIGHT COOPERATE MORE IN DEALING WITH THE GROWING INTERNATIONALIZATION OF TERRORISM, ANDREOTTI SUGGESTED GREATER COORDINATION AMONG INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. ITALY ALREADY HAS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UK AND WEST GERMANY IN THIS AREA, BUT THERE SHOULD BE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON A WIDER BASIS. FURTHERMORE, THERE SHOULD BE A CAMPAIGN COORDINATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WHICH WOULD WORK THROUGH FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, TO GIVE YOUTH A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. ANDREOTTI THAT WHILE VIOLENCE IS UNDERSTANDABLE WHEN IT REPRESENTS A STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OR FOR LIBERATION, IT IS DISQUIETING IN PLACES LIKE ITALY AND GERMANY WHERE ITS PERPETRATORS PRESENT NO ALTERNATIVE MODEL FOR SOCIETY. THE GOI IS CONSTITUTING A GROUP TO ANALYZE THIS PROBLEM IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO COPE BETTER.

4. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SPECULATED THAT THE MORAL CONCERN EXPRESSED BY GOVERNMENTS TODAY -- FOR EXAMPLE TOWARD THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER, OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND OF RACE AS IN SOUTH AFRICA -- MIGHT IGNITE A NEW IDEALISM AND HOPE IN THE YOUNG WHICH WILL COUNTER ANARCHICAL TENDENCIES. AMERICAN YOUTH IS INTELLIGENT BUT SPOILED AND INEXPERIENCED. FOR THIS REASON AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS LONG SUPPORTED A VOLUNTEER CORPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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FROM 16 TO 25 YEARS OF AGE WHO WOULD SPEND 18 MONTHS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE THEREBY ACQUIRING NEEDED SKILLS, A SET OF VALUES, AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THEIR COUNTRY. AMBASSADOR GARDNER ADDED THAT THE TIME TO INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE JUST AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SO THAT THEY CAN UNDERTAKE UNIVERSITY STUDIES OR REGULAR EMPLOYMENT WITH MORE MATURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY AND A GREATER AWARENESS OF VALUES.

5. ANDREOTTI EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THESE IDEAS WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE STUDIED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOI'S EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND IN PARTICULAR WITH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. GARDNER

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